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TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJECT: GERMAN PRESS REACTION TO TOKYO GATT
MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. GERMAN PRESS PROVIDED GENERALLY LIGHT BUT FAVORABLE
COVERAGE OF RESULTS OF TOKYO GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING.
IN ARTICLE HEADED "AFTER TOKYO EVERYONE CAN BE
SATISFIED" HANDELSBLATT QUOTED GERMAN SOURCES TO EFFECT
THAT ALL THREE MAJOR FRG GOALS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN
TOKYO; TO AVOID A STRICT AUTOMATIC LINK IN TRADE AND
MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS, TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN
EUROPE AND AMERICA AS WELL AS EUROPE AND THE LDCS
AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DECLARATION MADE SOME
PROVISION FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED.
ARTICLE NOTED THAT WHILE MANY LDC SPOKESMEN HAD MADE
CRITICAL SPEECHES IN THE END THEY HAD ALL GONE ALONG
WITH THE DECLARATION. HANDELSBLATT CHARACTERIZED
CONFERENCE RESULT AS TRIUMPH OF ECONOMIC COMMON SENSE
OVER PROPAGANDA. ARTICLE QUOTED OTHER GERMAN SOURCES
AS CALLING CONFERENCE "THE FIRST STEP ON A LONG AND
LABORIOUS PATH".

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2. THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE HEADED ARTICLE "GATT
ROUND ENDS WITH ASIAN SMILES" -- CONFRONTATION
AVOIDED". ARTICLE PLACED EMPHASIS ON AN ALL PREVAILING
"SPIRIT OF TOKYO" AND ATTRIBUTED SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE
TO A GENERAL WILL TO SUCCEED ON THE PART OF ALL
PARTICIPANTS.

3. BOTH PAPERS POINTED OUT THAT REAL NEGOTIATIONS
CANNOT BEGIN IN EARNEST UNTIL THE US RECEIVES
NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY FROM THE CONGRESS.
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